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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY DE GAAY FORTMAN, FLOOR LEADER OF THE PPR, THAT HE CAN VISIT U.S. FOR ONLY THREE WEEKS. SINCE FORTMAN PLANNED TRAVEL DURING HOLIDAYS, WISHED BRING WIFE, ETC., EMBASSY INFORMED HIM HIS INABILITY TO STAY FULL 30 DAYS MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE OFFER GRANT. IN HIS PLACE, EMBASSY NOMINATES JAN SCHAEFFER, STATE SECRETARY (UNDER SECRETARY EQUIVALENT) OF HOUSING. SCHAEFFER WAS NOT LISTED A-156 SINCE EMBASSY HAD BEEN TOLD IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO GET AWAY FIRST YEAR IN GOVT. THIS HAS NOW CHANGED.

2) SCHAEFFER IS 33 YEAR OLD MEMBER OF LABOR PARTY. HE ENTERED PARLIAMENT IN 1971 AND WAS SWORN IN BY QUEEN AS STATE SECRETARY OF HOUSING IN MAY 1973. HIS PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY IS URBAN RENEWAL. SCHAEFFER IS ONE OF FEW AUTHENTIC "WORKING CLASS" INDIVIDUALS IN LABOR PARTY AND HAS SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL FOLLOWING. IN ADDITION TO OCCUPYING POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVT AND BEING MAJOR FIGURE IN LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY, SCHAEFFER MIGHT BE USEFUL CONTACT IN TERMS DUTCH PURCHASE U.S. BUILDING EQUIPMENT, ETC. IF GRANT AUTHORIZED, SCHAEFFER WOULD PLAN TRAVEL IN JANUARY WITH STATE SECRETARY FOR CULTURE, MEIJER, ALTHOUGH BOTH WOULD FOLLOW INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS SCHAEFFER SUBSTITUTION FOR DE GAAY FORTMAN. APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY.
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